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EDITORIAL NOTICE.

In January last the undersigned, on the invitation of the Johns Hopkins University, assumed the editorship of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MATHEMATICS. The diffidence with which he first received the proposition was overcome by assurances of sympathy and other very flattering expressions on the subject from those most interested in the promotion of mathematical science. Yet he enters upon the duty profoundly conscious that his previous work has not been that which would best fit him for it, and that he will in consequence need the support and cooperation of those mathematicians who are willing to extend it. He has already been greatly favored by the kindly assistance of several of the latter, whose permanent cooperation he hopes to secure in the future.

It is just to state that, although Professor Craig, desiring to devote all his energies to his other university work and to research, has withdrawn from the active editorship of the Journal after seventeen years' service as Editor or Associate Editor, most of the papers in the present (April) number were accepted by him and that the number has been printed under his supervision.

SIMON NEWCOMB.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, *Baltimore, April, 1899.*